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132. (New) A method according to Claim 128 wherein the apparatus provided in Step A comprises at least one elongate strand which, when in its expanded configuration, is substantially in the form of a curved figure eight wherein the strand crosses itself, the flow modifying region being the region where the strand crosses itself and wherein Step C comprises positioning and expanding the apparatus such that the region where the strand crosses itself is next to the defect.

REMARKS

By the foregoing amendment, applicant has presented new Claims 103-132 for examination. Claims 103-119 are generally directed to apparatus and methods wherein a radially expandable intravascular member is placed in the lumen of a blood vessel and an embolic member is placed in an aneurysm or vascular defect located adjacent to the intravascular member such that the intravascular member substantially prevents the embolic member from escaping into the lumen of the blood vessel. An example of this embodiment of the invention is shown in Figure 12 of the application and described in the specification. Claims 120-132 are directed to apparatus and methods whereby an intravascular flow modifier apparatus, having a flow-through blood channel and a flow modifying region, is implanted in a blood vessel next to an aneurysm or other vascular defect such that blood continues to flow through the bloodflow channel of the apparatus and the flow modifying region of the apparatus modifies blood flow into the aneurysm or other vascular defect in a manner that decreases stress on the aneurysm or defect. An example of this embodiment is shown in figure 8 of the application and described in the specification.

All new Claims 103-132 are believed to be in condition for allowance and issuance of a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

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